

Board of Public Education and Office of Public Instruction

Chapter 55 Joint Task Force

Work Session Expected Outcomes – February 28-29, 2012

Purpose

To review and revise the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 10.55 Standards of Accreditation to align the standards with current innovative practice providing flexibility and ensuring quality education and accountability.

Charge

The Chapter 55 Joint Task Force shall provide to the state Superintendent and the BPE recommendations for amendments to ARM 10.55. Recommended amendments to ARM will comply with Montana Administrative Procedures Act (MAPA) rules for public hearing.

By Wednesday afternoon, February 29, the Chapter 55 Joint Task Force will:

1. Share and consider comments from educators and the public;
Deputy Superintendent Parman asked the Task Force members to share what they are hearing from the public and constituents about the recommended changes to Chapter 55. The common theme of these comments continues to be the economic factor: Careful attention must be given to implementing the standards so as not to financially over burden school districts and communities.
2. Complete draft recommendations for Chapter 55 using Consensus Process: Phase I considering the subcommittees' proposed recommendations;

Completed Tasks

- 604 Variance to Standards
- 719 NEW RULE (Bullying)
- 701 Board of Trustees (1) (f) Policy references 719 NEW RULE
- 702 and & 703 Internships
- 714 Professional Development (1) (a) – (k) No Change
- 902, 903, 904, and 905 ELA and Literacy

Tasks Needing Subcommittee Action

- 602 Definitions
- 605 Categories of Accreditation
- 606 Blended Model



- 704 & 705 FTE & Enrollment
- 714 Prof Dev (2)(a) & (b)
- 716 Substitute Teachers

3. Call for Task Force volunteers to report progress of Chapter 55 Task Force to constituents and the public;
Task Force members discussed the importance of sharing the progress of the Chapter 55 revisions with the public and constituents. The Task Force will address the revisions and those rules that remain unchanged.
4. Review outreach and communication plan; and
Prepare “talking points” for use by Task Force members, post to OPI Webpage
Prepare timeline outlining the completion of the Chapter 55 Task Force charge.

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5. Determine the next steps

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| March | Final Subcommittee completes tasks |
| April | Final action by Task Force to approve draft recommendations for review by the Superintendent of Public Instruction |
| April | Superintendent of Public Instruction prepares recommendation for Board of Public Education |
| July | Notice of Public Hearing |
| August | Public Hearing |
| September | Notice of Adoption |
| July 1, 2013 | Effective Date |

